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WASTE FATS FOR WAR

ANNOUNCES DAIRY PAYMENTS

Dairy production payments for the quarter ending June 30 are 35 cents a hundredweight for milk and ten cents a pound for butterfat, _____ Chairman of the _____ County AAA Committee, said today. Applications for payments will be accepted between July 1 and August 31.

At the same time, Mr. _____ announced that the dairy production program will be continued through 1945. Subject to congressional approval, the proposed payments for the third quarter are 45 cents a hundredweight for milk and ten cents a pound for butterfat; for the fourth quarter, 70 cents a hundredweight for milk and 16 cents a pound for butterfat.

KIRKLAND FIELD SAVES USED FATS

Weigh five averaged-sized sedans, and you'll know how much cooked grease Kirkland Field in Albuquerque has turned over to the waste fats campaign in the past six months. Major Philip W. Bowers, quartermaster, has announced that the post saved 17,754 pounds of cooked grease--a figure representing a saving of almost six pounds a soldier.

In addition to the cooked grease, Kirkland has saved 3,262 pounds of trap grease, 83,277 pounds of bones and meat trimmings, and 928,000 pounds of kitchen waste. During the same six-month period, the air field salvaged 111 net tons of mixed paper.

POOLING LABOR IDEAS CAN HELP FARMERS

Faced with an even more critical labor shortage than last year, New Mexico farmers can help solve their problems by pooling their ideas on labor saving equipment. Ira . Clark, assistant state supervisor of the emergency farm labor program, is collecting the ideas.

"Any gadget that makes work easier, any idea that reduces the number of farm hands usually required to do a job, that's the sort of thing we want," he

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says. "If a farmer is using a simplified post puller, farm grain elevator, or a float for a self-watering system, he's the man we're looking for. Implements don't have to be original. If they can be made by a farmer or his local blacksmith, they can help him meet the labor shortage."

Farmers should submit ideas or rough drawings of equipment to Mr. Clark at State College or to County Agent _____. If enough ideas can be collected, they'll be published in a bulletin that will be distributed throughout the State.

BENCH TERRACES AID IN FRUIT PRODUCTION

Bench terraces have kept B. V. Hudman's farm orchard producing heavy crops on 15 inches of rain a year. At the same time, the Otero County farmer has yet to pick any fruit from the trees he planted on unterraced land.

As a result of this convincing evidence, Mr. Hudman is terracing more of his land with the help of his soil conservation district. He intends to plant another orchard and raise some important war crops until the trees start bearing.

POE CALLS ON DAIRYMEN TO ORGANIZE

First steps toward organizing the American Dairy Association of New Mexico will be taken at a meeting in Clovis under the leadership of the New Mexico State Dairy Industry Committee. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p. m. Wednesday, March 13, at the court house. Owen M. Richards of Chicago, general manager of the American Dairy Association, will outline the program designed to protect the dairy industry now and encourage its expansion when the war is over.

In advocating an organization of state dairymen into a group affiliated with the ADA, J. R. Poe, state dairy commissioner, points out that the present ready-made market for dairy products won't continue forever. Dairymen will have to fight for their share of the food market once lend lease comes to an end.

"We must begin now," he said, "and the best way I know of is through the

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American Dairy Association."

BINDER TWINE CEILINGS STAY PUT

Present maximum prices for binder twine will continue through 1945, the OPA says.

THE LINE FORMS ON THE LEFT

Two Cletrac Model HG crawler tractors have been allocated to New Mexico for the first quarter of 1945. Applicants should go to their county AAA office within the next few days.

4-H GOES ON THE AIR

The story of 4-H club work in New Mexico will go on the air during national 4-H club week, March 3-11. A total of nine programs--featuring Director M. L. Wilson of the Federal Extension Service, Director A. B. Fite of the New Mexico Extension Service, and 4-H boys and girls--will be broadcast over KOB, Albuquerque 50,000-watt station, during the week.

Lee Gould, extension radio editor, will give the curtain raiser Saturday morning at 6:45. The 4-H story will take a breather Sunday morning and return to the air Monday at 6:45 a. m., when Cecil Pragnell, Bernalillo County extension agent, takes over. For the rest of the week every Farm and Home Hour program will be devoted to telling the state about club work.

There will also be two evening programs, Monday, March 5, at 8:45 and Thursday, March 8, at 8:30.

THE FINGER IN THE DIKE

Lordsburg has signed an agreement with the Virden Valley Soil Conservation District covering flood control work that the district will do on the Lordsburg watershed.

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(To County Chairmen: Why not include a local story on your county's farm transportation committee as soon as the members are appointed.)

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